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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 8 of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to term limits for members of the general assembly.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next
2 following the first Monday in November, 2026, or at a special election to be called by the
3 governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for
4 adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the state
5 of Missouri:

Section A. Section 8, Article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new
2 section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 8, to read as follows:

Section 8. **1. Before December 3, 2026**, no one shall be elected to serve more than
2 eight years total in any one house of the General Assembly nor more than sixteen years total
3 in both houses of the General Assembly. In applying this section, service in the General
4 Assembly resulting from an election prior to December 3, 1992, or service of less than one
5 year, in the case of a member of the house of representatives, or two years, in the case of a
6 member of the senate, by a person elected after the effective date of this section to complete
7 the term of another person, shall not be counted.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

8 **2. Beginning December 3, 2026, no one shall be elected to serve more than**
9 **sixteen years total in both houses of the general assembly. Service in the general**
10 **assembly resulting from an election prior to December 3, 2026, shall be counted.**

11 **3. No person serving in the general assembly shall serve as the speaker of the**
12 **house of representatives for more than three terms or as president pro tempore of the**
13 **senate for more than two terms.**

 Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and
2 laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of
3 this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this
4 resolution shall be as follows:

5 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- 6 • Prohibit legislators from serving more than sixteen years total in both houses of the
7 General Assembly; and
8 • Limit the length of time any legislator can serve as Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives or President Pro Tempore of the Senate?".

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